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Mexico.

"THEN AND NOW" IN MEXICO.

AS I heard Rev. Mr. Thomson rehearse the wonderful work of evangelization now in progress in Mexico, my mind involuntarily reverted to the spiritual condition of that priest-bound country when I first cast a glance upon it some thirty years ago. Then, among its 8,000,000 souls, ignorance, superstition and misery prevailed, the legitimate result of the exclusion of God's holy word by the most stringent laws enacted by the authorities of the Church of Rome.

How did my heart yearn to hold up the torch of truth to those benighted souls! So deeply impressed was I by the dreadful condition of the Mexican people without the Bible that human laws appeared but trifles before the all-conquering arm of Him who had said, "Let there be light, and there was light." Under the inspiration of the command of our Saviour, I resolved to give the Bible

to the Mexicans as far as I was able to do so. In the face of the most fearful opposition I found means of putting many hundreds of Bibles and hundreds of thousands of gospel leaflets into willing hands before the prohibition was removed. These secret messengers were gladly received and read, to the enlightenment and saving of many souls. A mighty upheaval of public sentiment culminated in a revolution, by which a determined people threw off the papal yoke and emerged into that liberty wherein God makes His people free. The proclamation of religious liberty was followed by the advent of agents of the Bible and missionary societies, who found much precious seed already scattered and waiting to be harvested. The Presbyterian Board entered the field in 1872, and found, as Mr. Thomson states, about 200 Protestant Christians. The work has prospered in the hands of the consecrated men and women who have been sent by this Board, and according to Mr. Thomson's estimate, there are at the present time fully 10,000 who have embraced the truth, and are enrolled into churches of active laborers in the cause of a pure Christianity.

In the grand achievements which are being won, let us not forget the perils of the early seed-sowing, nor the example of the "200" who embraced the truth under circumstances so vastly different from those of the present time. Oh, gallant "200," who dared brave the hostile elements of papal power and embrace a religion which was denounced as criminal in the highest degree! Many have said to me that they found in the Bible a religion which brought to their aching hearts peace and comfort in the Holy Ghost.

These genuine conversions bore before the world the conclusive evidence that the poor degraded Mexican could receive and love the blessed gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This advantage gained gave an inspiration to the evangelical laborers who have been entering the field during the past ten years. A foundation was secured by this noble band of converts upon which a superstructure may be reared which will ultimately bless the many millions of that country, so long cursed with the blight and misery of Roman Catholicism.

Thus writes Miss Melinda Rankin, the pioneer missionary to

Mexico. Let us turn to the "*Now*" of the work in that country to which she refers:

THE GIRLS' BOARDING-SCHOOL IN MONTEREY.

This institution is now in its fifth year of active operation. It is in the mission house that was bought many years ago by Miss Rankin, and has been used for school and church purposes ever since; but the present school was only moved into it last year, after the building had been somewhat repaired and embellished. It is located in a central position and in a tolerably good neighborhood, which, however, is liable at times to a change in its character which renders the permanency of the school in this building somewhat uncertain; but, in case it does remain, two upper rooms should be added and other changes made.

This is strictly a mission normal school, and has from the first been conducted in full harmony with the plans of work in the whole frontier part of the north Mexican mission. The boarders, who are supported by the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest, are chosen from the best candidates in the congregations, with the purpose to train one from each so that she may be able to teach in the church where her parents reside. No one is admitted without both her parents and herself obligating themselves to the conditions: 1st, that she is to enter the school with the purpose of becoming a teacher; 2d, that the first year is to be for a trial, and she may be returned by the mission if she does not improve sufficiently; 3d, that otherwise she is to continue so long as the mission may determine, and 4th, hold herself ready to teach for three years after completing her course if the mission can provide her a school, after which time she is to be free to act otherwise. There is an understanding that in case of marriage to one of the native ministers she is regarded as being freed from the obligation; but in case of any other failure, either from matrimony or other causes, she and her parents are to pay back all the expenses incurred in her education.

They are required to provide their own wardrobe and bedclothing, if possible, and are taught to keep the same in repair and arranged with neatness and taste. They are also, by turns, to cook their own food, which is of the same kind used in their own homes, but, if possible, better prepared and of good quality. They keep the building in order too. These regulations in no way educate them away from home sympathies, and it has been noticed that upon returning to their parents, instead of becoming querulous censors of their poverty, they are disposed to be happy and to give a helping hand, and have a good influence at home and in their neighborhood. The good influence of the school is observed in the hearty way in

which girls lay hold of church work, Bible-reading, Sabbath-schools, etc., upon their return to their homes. As might be expected, there are some disappointments and failures, but none that indicate any error in the plan of the school work or the execution of it.

There are now fifteen boarders in the school and a few day-scholars from families in Monterey. The present management of the school is in the hands of Miss Mary E. Cochrane and the housekeeper, Miss Mildred McKnight. Miss Dora G. Burdick, from Colorado, has lately joined them, and is already beginning to render some assistance.

There are several girls who should be entered as pupils in the schools, but cannot be accommodated, as the house is now crowded to its utmost capacity, and even to a degree that may impair health. The girls referred to are in appearance very bright and hopeful, and very desirous to be at the school.

ZACATECAS.

The mission at this station is under the care of Dr. and Mrs. Jesi and Rev. T. F. Wallace and wife. Dr. and Mrs. Prevost, although not connected with or supported by the Board, have greatly aided the missionaries and have done much to advance the cause of Christ in that district.

They have long felt the need of a school in connection with the church there, but not until now has any plan been perfected. Miss Jacobs, of Chicago, has been appointed to this work; but as some time is required to become acquainted with the language, and as the necessity for the school is urgent, the missionaries and Dr. and Mrs. Prevost are very desirous of establishing it at once, and we hope that arrangements will be made whereby they can open the school and take charge of it until Miss Jacobs is able to assume the responsibility. This is a large and important field, and there should be no delay in occupying it. Mrs. Prevost has already opened a night-school for adults, with an attendance of one hundred scholars, and the number could be much increased if there were a suitable school-room. When all the arrangements for the day-school are made, we shall invite our societies of the Northwest to contribute the money for expenses.

SALTILLO.

Miss Jacobs, who is in this place learning the language preparatory to taking charge of the school in Zacatecas, writes: "I have been here only a few days, and as yet have learned but little of the real church work. The experiences of my first Sunday in Saltillo were in strong contrast to those in the cheerful, attractive and well-filled rooms of the dear home church. There were about thirty,

mostly grown people, at the nine-o'clock Sunday-school, and perhaps fifty at the Catechism service at four in the afternoon. Old and young commit the Catechism to memory. After the questions for the day have been answered the native pastor preaches a sermon upon one of the questions. At seven in the evening is the regular preaching service, which has an average attendance of between fifty and sixty. For want of a better place services are held in a rented room that is too small and very cheerless. We hope the time is not far distant when we can worship God in a place built and dedicated for that purpose.

"As the result of the regular preaching service in the jail, a number of prisoners accepted the gospel, and since their discharge two of these have been received into full church membership, three or four are constant in their attendance at church, and several others are in congregations in other places. The work is of gradual but sure growth, and very encouraging.

"I think of you each Friday as you gather at Room 48. 'Sweet hour of prayer,' it sends a thrill of joy into our hearts as we think of the loving way in which we are taken to the throne of our heavenly Father for strength and blessing."

The report of the girls' school in

MEXICO CITY

has not reached us in time for publication. We are not able, therefore, to give as full an account of the work there as we had hoped to.

A recent letter from Miss Snow reports her recovery after her long and severe illness. She has again taken up her work in school, and writes:

"'Tis now the Week of Prayer, and we go out to church every evening with the girls. Only eleven of our pupils have yet returned, but we are expecting two more new ones from Guerrero to-night, and trust that others will soon return. The number of day pupils is now small, but we hope soon to reach the very good regular attendance we had in July. I have been out once to call upon the old pupils, and intend to go again soon, as this part of the work seems very necessary."

MISSIONARY LADIES IN MEXICO.

REPRESENTING THE W. F. M. S.

Miss Fannie C. Snow, Mexico.

REPRESENTING THE W. P. B. M. OF THE NORTHWEST.

Miss Mary E. Cochrane, Monterey.
Miss Dora G. Burdick, "
Miss Mary Wilma Jacobs, Zacatecas.

Here and There among our Missions.

MEXICO.

Miss Mary E. Cochrane, of Monterey, writes:

I am very glad to be able to say to you that we begin the new year with great encouragement. We have a very amiable and pleasant family of fifteen girls, of all ages, very promising characters, and very dear to us they all are. Two of the older girls are helping me in teaching, as I have much more of that than I can possibly attend to. The girls do all the work of the house, and very nicely too; they can cook and serve the most inviting meal imaginable, and nearly all can sew, crochet and embroider very nicely. They are also thoroughly good girls, sincere Christians and perfectly innocent and childlike in their faith.

The very severe weather has somewhat affected our Woman's Society, but we have commenced to visit all the families, and hope they will soon be reanimated. Our Sabbath-school is also prospering. I have a very nice class of little ones, who are prompt and attentive always.

All the outlook for the year is cheerful and encouraging. We have great cause for gratitude for the quiet and prosperity we have enjoyed in the past, and we are so blessed now in our happy family that we rejoice every day in the goodness of our Father, who always is giving us some new testimonial of His love.

We ask you to pray that our church in Monterey may receive in this new year a special blessing, a gift of the Spirit that may awaken many souls to the true light. Such wonderful things are happening in Saltillo and through the interior, and we also long for a blessing.

Miss Dora Burdick, who has just joined Miss Cochrane, says:

I am thoroughly pleased with the mission and the work here. I have been here just two months, and am at present becoming acquainted with the language. The girls are all very kind and good, and we are a large and united family.

INDIA.

The news from this part of the field is most encouraging. From a long and interesting report of Miss Belz, of Etawah, we take this note of thanksgiving:

I have abundant reason to render thanks to the Lord for all His tender mercies and loving kindness which He has shown to me during this year. He has given me strength to labor in His vineyard, to proclaim

the glorious gospel in schools and in zenanas, in villages and towns, and at *melas*, where thousands have been taught the way of salvation. Many of my hearers have shown such evident signs of approval that I have been much encouraged to hope that my feeble labors have not been in vain.

From Miss M. L. Pendleton, of Dehra Dún, comes this equally encouraging report of school work:

I must tell you of the year that is past. In numbers we have been especially favored, the roll having reached the highest point the school has known, and, as a whole, the progress in study has been good. The spiritual condition has been very encouraging. Our older girls and our monitresses show an earnest spirit that pleases me much. During September one of Major Tucker's Salvation Army "lasses" came to rest at our house for a while, and during the meetings she held with the girls, not only the older ones took part, but even the little ones prayed. They also held meetings of their own, in which all took part. We hope these meetings, which were held every evening, were not without good effect.

I shall probably have to say good-by to my first-class girls this year. They have been a great comfort to me. They are faithful in their study, conscientious in all their duties, and lady-like in their demeanor. India will be the better for the homes they go out to make. They have become interested in work for the heathen too, for Miss Herron has taken them with her to some of her meetings, and they have enjoyed exceedingly the work which they thus began.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

Miss Anna Skea, Sac and Fox mission, Iowa, writes:

Surely God is good to us, and His loving kindness is over all. We are very much encouraged. New Year's day we went out to the Indian camp and called at the different Indian houses, and were much pleased and gratified at the kind reception they gave us. We have no organized school yet, but all are willing to be taught who come to our room. The books, cards and pictures that were sent us help very much to interest them. We do feel very thankful for all the interest and love manifested.

CHINA.

Mrs. Shaw, of Tungchow, gives us a little glimpse of one of the quiet times spent with her school-girls:

Mrs. Mateer has a prayer-meeting with the school-girls while I take the Thursday evening women's prayer-meeting. In Mrs. M.'s absence I took the girls to the school-room on Saturday evening, and in the dim twilight, with the light of one small native lamp, only serving to make darkness more distinct, we sung and prayed together, and they gave rapt attention while I spoke of Mrs. Capp's Saturday evening meetings with the older girls, and thought her spirit even then might be hovering over these girls, who lay so heavily on her heart. Oh for the Spirit to touch these young hearts and consecrate them to the Master's use!

Mrs. Corbett, of Chefoo, tells us of increasing interest there:

The Lord is working mightily among this people. Men, women and children have been added to the church, we trust "of such as shall be saved," in large numbers. In old age, in manhood and youth, the rich, the poor, the high and low together believe in Jesus. Two hundred and fifty were baptized, not including little children, of whom there were many received. The Sabbath after Mr. Corbett's return five of the boys in school who had applied for baptism were received. They have been so good and studied so faithfully, surely it is the work of the Spirit moving their hearts. Can you imagine the joy of our hearts that day? Mr. Leyenberger, who has just returned from a long trip, told what the Lord has done for him; afterwards Elder Lin and Mr. Corbett spoke of the wondrous dealings of God's providence as seen by them. One of the three women who were baptized last fall has been working for me in the house and gives me great comfort. Over thirty inquirers are here already to study the doctrine.

JAPAN.

Mrs. Hepburn, of Yokohama, gives us an idea of the changes which she has seen during the years of service she has given to the Master's work in Japan:

One cannot enter the girls' school here, and look upon the pleasing sight of more than a hundred girls, with their bright, intelligent faces, and not feel the heart stirred to earnest prayer that the Christian truths which are instilled into their minds with the secular knowledge they are receiving may fall into good and honest hearts—hearts prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive these truths in the love of them—and that these girls may exert as wives and mothers an influence for good on the coming generations of Japan. To the dear friends in the home land who support these schools by their prayers and contributions I would say, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap." Indeed they are reaping now. We who came here as pioneers twenty-four years ago do see much fruit-bearing of the seed that has been sown. We have had the promise verified, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you, even in our day." When we first came here no mountain ever seemed more impassable, no barriers to the reception and spread of the gospel more insurmountable, than those which stood in our way. We did not forget the Saviour's promise, "Nothing shall be impossible unto you;" nor that He told us that "prayer and fasting" would be the engines to

remove them. The old Buddhist temple in which we lived witnessed much prayer, earnest pleading for the blessing we to-day enjoy. Yes, the barriers have been broken down, the mountain has been removed. Oh, how I thank our Father in heaven that our eyes have been permitted to see what His grace and power can do and is doing in Japan.

AT HOME IN TEHERAN.

BY MISS S. BASSETT.

TUESDAY, October 23, Miss Sherwood and I left the rest of the party and proceeded to Bakoo, where we expected to take the steamer for Auzilli Friday morning. But heavy storms on the Caspian prevented the steamer from coming till Sunday evening. We went on board and sailed at midnight, reaching Auzilli Tuesday morning. Mr. Potter was there to meet us, and the next Thursday we left Rhesd for Teheran.

While at Rhesd Mr. Potter had formed a church of fifteen members, the result of two years faithful labor of Lazar, our Armenian helper. We hope you will remember this church in your meetings at Room 48. The women came to see me, and with tears begged me to remain and teach their girls, promising twenty immediately. It grieved me to refuse, for my heart went out towards them, and I did so want to stay, but they need me so much here. Why cannot a teacher be sent them?

We left Rhesd Thursday morning, and rested on Sabbath among the mountains. Tuesday night found us in Kazven, one hundred miles from home. From there to Teheran is a good post road, so we started at eight o'clock that night, and noon the next day found us in Teheran, very tired, to be sure, but *so* glad to be at home. What warm welcomes I received you can imagine. The schoolgirls made me a nice little speech, and gave me some little gifts—their own handiwork. The women have been coming in companies to see me, bringing little gifts of fruit and flowers to show their love, and joy at my return.

We have English service in our new chapel every Sunday morning. In a few days Persian service will be commenced in the same place. We have had considerable trouble with a Mussulman prince, who is our neighbor, in regard to this same chapel, he finally stoning the workmen. This was all we needed, and Mr. Benjamin went to the authorities, who made the prince apologize. Of course, now that we have only English service he does not interfere, but we expect trouble when we open Persian service in the same place. But it is the Lord's work, He will protect us. We ladies have a prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening, and once a month hold a missionary meeting.

SO MUCH TO BE DONE.

BY SARAH K. CUMMINGS, M.D.

LAST winter I often prayed that the Lord would send me a capable Japanese woman to instruct in the medical work. Before leaving Yokohama Miss Reade, of the New York Board, brought to me her Bible woman, who has waited and prayed for the way to open that she might study medicine. She is a very devoted student, and has endeared herself to me already. I have a large class of women in the Sunday-school—my student and I preparing our lesson previously; she then translates. The women seem much pleased, as they say Hishikawa San (this is my student's name) is very clear, and they understand her so well. I would like to do medical teaching exclusively if it were possible, but the government requires me to teach one hour per day in order to gain residence here.

We began a boys' school the 13th of this month, and have thirty pupils. I have in my class six young men. In all my experience as a teacher I never saw so much attention and eagerness to learn; it is the greatest pleasure to instruct them. To-day the word "idolaters" occurred in our lesson. I asked the translation teacher to explain it particularly. Some of them looked interested, others looked scornfully at their instructor; but who can tell what the impression was?

You will wonder if I have any medical work to do. Yes, almost ever since my first day here. Eye difficulties are very prevalent. I never could imagine anything more distressing than the condition of nine tenths of the people's eyes—some the victims of constitutional trouble, others from want of care—absolute filth. We need missionaries here to teach hygiene alone. I could make use of fifty right away, and even more. The women are only half clothed, bearing immense burdens, bringing large families of distressed beings into the world to suffer. This people want some one to teach them how to keep their bodies comfortable, to eat proper, nourishing food, to keep clean; this I think would beget in them right hearts to receive the word and the light which is necessary for their spiritual life. I do think we need dozens of lady medical workers, who could give every hour of their time to hygienic regulations, and so help the coming generations of this interesting people to be ready for the truth. Oh, I see so much on every side to do, in all lines of work, that I know not where to begin. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest;" we need them so much.

The women of my Bible-class are anxious for me to take up the Gospel of John with them, to study one afternoon in a week.

This I am very glad to do if I can find time, but listen: study three hours in the morning, eat luncheon, walk a mile and a quarter to school, teach an hour, return, make professional calls, attend office patients, hear my medical student recite, take some time for Bible study, an hour in this with my student, servant and a boy who sleeps in my house and is in my class in school. Does my time seem full? Oh, I wish that I were twenty women instead of one poor one!

FEMALE MEDICAL MISSIONS.

BY THE LATE M. P. BARKER, M.D.

(*Concluded.*)

THE FORCE IN THE FIELD.—CHINA.

Miss L. Combs, M.D., was the pioneer female medical missionary to China. She graduated at the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia, doing housework to aid in bearing her expenses while in college. She reached Pekin in September, 1873, where she remained in active work for five years, when she removed to Kin Kiang.

Miss Leonora Norward, M.D., of Syracuse, N. Y., a graduate of the University of Michigan, left for China March 20, 1877. Though in delicate health she braved the dangers of the long journey, reaching her destination the following July. She settled in Pekin expecting to make that her field of labor, but in the fall of 1878 she removed temporarily to Tientsin.

Miss S. Trask, M.D., of Spring Creek, Pa., a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of New York, sailed for Foo Chow October 5, 1874. After six years of incessant labor she returned to this country for rest. She remained but a short time, when she returned to her field of labor.

Miss Julia Sparr, M.D., of Muncie, Indiana, a Michigan University graduate, reached Foo Chow November 6, 1878. She reached Foo Chow before Dr. Trask returned to America for rest, and was with her long enough before she left to become familiar with the work, and was thus enabled to take charge of the field during her absence.

Miss Letitia Mason, M.D., of Normal, Ill., a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, sailed in company with Dr. Trask for China, October 5, 1874, arriving in China in December following. She commenced work in Kin Kiang, displaying great energy, tact, skill and perseverance. But owing to a severe attack of fever and continued ill health she was compelled to abandon her work and return home.

Miss Kate C. Bushnell, of Evanston, Ill., another alumnus of the Chicago Medical College, sailed from San Francisco for Kin Kiang October 25, 1879, reaching her destination November 10. After graduating she took great pains to qualify herself still further for her work, having had for some time full charge of the Hospital for Women and Children in Chicago, after which she spent three months in the Eye and Ear Dispensary, and also giving special attention to nervous affections.

Miss A. D. Kelsey, M.D., is engaged in practice in Shantung. Her history has not been at my command.

Miss Mary W. Niles, of Hornellsville, N. Y., a graduate of the Women's Medical College of New York City, sailed for Canton in September, 1882, where she is now doing a good work.

I have given these sketches of the workers to show that they are not mere pretentious adventurers, but regular, well-educated physicians, actuated by the purest motives, immolating themselves upon the altar of humanity in order to lay the foundations for bestowing the blessings of western medical knowledge upon the millions of their ignorant, down-trodden sisters in heathen lands.

THE WORK.

In narrating the work performed in the short time which has elapsed since the inauguration of this enterprise, I do not propose to enter largely into the detail of individual efforts. I will give only a general view of the work. It may not, however, be amiss to give two typical cases, one drawn from India and the other from China.

The effort of each one in commencing work was to get, first, a dispensary, and second, a hospital. Sometimes it requires much patient waiting and effort to establish the former and get the necessary medicines, which were usually obtained from England for both India and China. A hospital was essential to the successful prosecution of their work, from the fact that very little attention was paid to the sick in their own homes, bad nursing and neglect frequently counteracting the best efforts of the physician. In the construction of this hospital it was also found necessary to have separate apartments for each class, as Hindoos, Mohammedans, Buddhists and Pariahs could not occupy the same departments. Another important point was to win the favor of the high-caste portion of society. It was important to have their favor in order to secure pecuniary aid from them; but more than this, to obtain access to their zenanas. It was desirable to carry to the wives and daughters of high-caste society the benefits of their skill.

Still another important matter was the formation and instruction of

NATIVE MEDICAL CLASSES.

This has been from the first a prominent feature of their work. Miss Dr. Swaim founded a class March 20, 1870, soon after her arrival. The class consisted of sixteen girls and two married women. They had all studied English, and they soon became so proficient that they became valuable assistants. Two of them each week took charge of the sick in the orphanage. They accompanied Miss Swaim in her visits to the city and assisted in dispensing medicine. Thirteen of the class were examined April 10, 1873, in presence of two civil surgeons and Rev. Dr. Johnston, "who granted them certificates to practice in all ordinary diseases." The next morning after her arrival in Bareilley Dr. Swaim found a group of native Christian women and children on the veranda anxiously waiting for the appearance of a medical lady. It is not to be supposed that these calls were altogether from the desire to welcome the dawn of a new era in medicine in the arrival of a medical lady. The gratification of curiosity is a prominent feature of Oriental life. As an illustration of this fact I may be permitted to quote the language of a friend who spent some time in the mountains of Syria to recuperate her health. She says, "It was provoking to awaken in the morning and see a dozen pairs of eyes staring at us through the windows watching us make our morning toilet, and continuing to stare until we had taken our morning meal." Still, as the group that greeted Dr. Swaim were mostly native Christians, there is no doubt that there was rejoicing among them at the arrival of the lady physician. Her arrival was soon made known throughout the city, and was the occasion of much speculation and comment. A few days after her arrival a native gentleman called upon her to pay his respects and encourage her in her new enterprise. He was deeply interested in having a hospital, and besides offering a contribution himself, proposed to secure subscriptions from others. In a few days he sent his little son to present to the doctor his *salaam*, to tell her that his mother was sick and wished her to visit her. Dr. Swaim in speaking of this visit said, "We were not glad that his mother was sick, but we were glad of the opportunity of visiting the zenana of a high-caste Brahmin." She was received very cordially.

Much might be said of the increased interest and efficiency of this medical work; but, as was stated in the beginning of this series of articles, the writer left this, his last earthly work, incomplete, and we give it to our readers as it came from his hand. We propose, however, at some time in the near future, to give a statement of the present condition of the work.

SHOULD A MISSIONARY'S FAMILY BE SEPARATED?

THERE are few who have not listened to unkind and unjust criticisms in regard to this question. One of our missionaries who has recently returned to her labors in heathen lands, leaving three children in this country to be educated, thus expresses her convictions concerning the matter:

"None know as well as the missionaries and their children how great this trial is; and none know as they do how severely they are censured, even by Christian people, because they are willing, for Christ's sake, to undergo this trial. When at home after an absence of nine years in the foreign field, we were severely condemned for entertaining the idea of leaving our children to be educated. The trial of separation is quite hard enough without any one adding to its severity by unkind and cruel remarks. I was speaking on this subject recently to a Scotch lady who was travelling with us, and asked her how people in Scotland regarded the matter. 'Oh,' she replied, 'every one seems to think that missionaries should send their children home to be educated. Indeed we do not see what else they can do.' The extensive foreign service in which the people of Great Britain and Ireland are called upon to engage has doubtless led to a difference in sentiment on this subject.

"If the United States government should promise a hundred or even sixty fold reward to all persons willing to leave houses and lands, wives and children for her sake, the call would without doubt be responded to by hundreds if not thousands of her citizens, among them, probably, many who so severely censure missionaries, and they would be regarded as heroes for so nobly answering their country's call. But when Christ makes this offer to His people, and a few here and there are willing to take Him at His word, they are regarded by many as cold, heartless and fanatical.

"Among our fellow passengers in the ship in which we were returning to our field of labor were several officers of the English government in India, civil and military, returning to their work as servants of the government. There is not a couple among them who have not left children in England, and I would say, just here, that missionaries would not think of leaving their children at the tender age of most of these children, some of them being under four years of age. And this is constantly occurring among English families engaged in government service in foreign lands, yet one never hears a word against it; but if a few humble people are willing to make this sacrifice for the cause of missions, lo! what an outcry is raised on all sides. Even some of our able journalists must needs take up their pens and write long articles against such barbarism.

"But, thank God, there are a few devout Christians looking and longing for the coming of Christ's kingdom upon the earth who help to smooth the way for those called upon to make these sacrifices. May God bless them, and multiply their numbers, and hear and answer their earnest prayers which ascend for missionaries and their children."

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Keshub Chunder Sen, the leader of the Bramo-Somaj, is dead. It is as yet impossible to predict the effect of this event upon the movement with which he was so intimately connected.

SIDE LIGHTS ON MISSION WORK.

There are 48,644 widows in Bengal under ten years of age.

Signor Strobel, a member of the Italian Parliament, is a Protestant.

In Thibetan homes every other son is a priest, and is supported by his family.

The annual increase of the earth's population is estimated at thirteen millions.

In China a telegraph line is about to be constructed between Canton and Shanghai.

In 1871 the number of native Protestant teachers in India was 2294; in 1881 it was 4345, having almost doubled.

Stanley has visited the Congo Valley north of the equator, and finds a dense and enterprising population of probably 49,000,000.

The Chinese propose working the lead mines discovered in Kwartings. Hitherto mining among the Chinese has been almost entirely neglected.

There are in Lucknow and Cawnpore forty-five publishing houses for infidel books. One of these houses published 1,000,000 tracts for one Hindu gentleman.

Ninety years ago $65.50 was the only contribution which carried the gospel from England to the heathen. Now $1,000,000 is contributed annually by the English Methodists alone.

The China Inland Mission has again lighted the torch of Christian faith in the city of Si-ngan-fu, where first it shone in China.

The Zulus were in 1835 a race of naked savages, having no written language, no knowledge of God, no words to express spiritual thoughts. They are now clothed, have a Bible, churches, schools, comfortable homes.

For twenty years every girl who has graduated from the Ningpo and Shanghai schools confessed Christ before she left.

The world's foreign missions show an increase of 308,642 communicants for the past year, and an expenditure of about eight and a half million dollars. Yet it is calculated that Protestant Christendom's annual contribution to this cause does not equal the sum spent for intoxicating liquor for two days in Great Britain, or for three days in the United States.

A new and successful way of carrying the gospel has been started in France, called the Bible Carriage Movement. The missionary drives through the country carrying Bibles and tracts, which he sells to the people. His carriage serves also as a pulpit when he wishes to preach.

At the instigation of the United States minister, the viceroy of China has granted permission for a steamer to run between Tong Chow and Tien-tsin, the residence of the emperor. This is a great concession, as heretofore no foreign vessels have been allowed to enter the sacred port.

At Friesburg, in Baden, a foreign missionary society has been founded by one hundred of the most prominent Rationalists for the propagation of their doctrines among the high-caste people of India, Japan and China.

For the Young People.

A TRIAD OF TIME.

ANY and many a year ago the beautiful valleys of Mexico became peopled with the ancestors of its present strong and warlike races, which now number ten millions of souls. The question which most agitates historians is that of the beginnings of this people, whether they came from the north, or across the Atlantic from the east, or are indigenous, a people living still on the spot where they were first set by the hand of the Creator. These are questions interesting always, but which serve only to augment our interest in these people, with whom we are already somewhat acquainted.

The question with us is, What is to be the career and end of so great a people? The "whence and when?" of the past must for us be translated into the "whence and how?" of the future. Mexico is our neighbor in every sense. We have the Saviour's teaching as to the meaning of that word. If we obey Him, we must arise and minister to the needs of Mexico! Whence they are to go, and how, are questions they will not so well settle for themselves as the gospel will settle for them. It is this gospel of peace which we enjoy that Mexico needs and waits to receive; but "how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

The Mexicans at the outset established a pure theistic religion. We read that "they believed in and worshipped a supreme being, invisible and unchangeable, whom they called God. Him they feared, though they regarded Him as a friend of mankind." This conception of an invisible and unchangeable God indicates always a lofty character in a rude people. But the mind of man is very wide in its compass, and out of it proceed both good and evil. With the introduction of priests, so-called men of God, arose the beginning of trouble. They made idols, which they said were images of deities, and these the people adored first as the representatives of God; but by an easy and natural transition they soon lost sight of the supreme being and worshipped the senseless stone.

Of course, people who worship an image find no occasion to limit themselves to *one*, and so in the year 1519, at the opening of the Spanish invasion, we find Mexico in a state of semi-civilization —rude in her sports, her arts, her laws, and barbaric in her religious rites, yet withal a strong, well-balanced, superior people, but their one image multiplied into 360, or one for each day in the year! This was what Mexicans did for themselves—this Mexico's first religious movement.

In 1519 Spain bequeathed Mexico to a vagabond priest of the Catholic church. He ransacked churches, and stole all he could carry away. In addition to this he set up the cross and performed service. Such was the planting of the Roman church in Mexico. Cortez, coming two years later, with his red cross emblazoned on a velvet field surrounded with flames, established it with his motto, "Let us follow the cross, and in that sign we shall conquer." Every one knows the history of Cortez, and every one knows too what an intimate relation his sword bore to his cross.

The result was that a foreign and corrupt civilization was forced upon Mexico, which it has taken centuries to assimilate, and of which not much remains save its religion. Its civilization has not advanced in any proportion to the time elapsed. The old order has passed away, and has not been supplanted by the new and better, and Mexico now—at the dawn of a new era—is corrupt, ignorant, poor, despite the fact that from one-quarter to one-third of all her property belongs to the church. So that after four hundred years of priestly domination she is little, if any, better off than she was when instead of a *saint* for every day in the year she had a *god*. This is what Catholicism has done for the Mexicans. Her second great religious movement.

"It is an illustration of the methods by which God makes the wrath of men to praise Him that the two emperors of France, of all men in the world, have proved the greatest benefactors to Mexico. By dethroning Ferdinand, and putting the crown of Spain upon his brother, the first Napoleon provoked and rendered possible the political independence of Mexico, and her emancipation from the domination of Spain. In attempting to conciliate the Papal church by founding an empire in Mexico, the third Napoleon precipitated her emancipation from the domination of priests and restored her for the first time in three centuries to the rule of her own people."

Mark you now the peaceable entry of the Bible. Without attempting to make proselytes, our soldiers carried the Bible into Mexico; but as soldiers are not often evangelists, but little result can be traced from this seed-sowing. In 1854 Miss Rankin, without mention of whom no sketch of Mexico would be complete,

essayed, like the solitary priest, to set up the standard of the cross. Like him, but with what a difference! She, working with a simple faith, has done more for Mexico in thirty years than was done in three hundred years before!

Miss Rankin was aided first by the American Bible Society, and then by the Episcopal Church Society, and then, after twenty years of labor, broken in health, she prayerfully and touchingly resigned the mission to the care of the Presbyterian Board. Since that time it has been the child of our adoption. Out of her beginning there have sprung four principal stations, with many ramifications. There are schools also; but when I say that there are ten millions of souls, two-thirds of whom cannot read, and that we have only twenty-five missionaries for all these, every one who hears must reflect upon the great need of Mexico, and her relation to it. "The kingdom of heaven cometh not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord.

Mexico is the true child of the church. She, sitting blind and helpless, waits for the light which we may give her, and which cometh down from the Father of Lights. Seeing what one woman can do who simply does what she finds to do—seeing the beginning of what may become a great and God-fearing nation—shall we not put new courage on? Are we willing to bear the responsibility of unconverted Mexico? Religion determines the character of nations. How will you have it with Mexico? Shall the last religion be the first in peace and power? Will you not share with your neighbor what has been so freely bestowed upon you, and in a new consecration give your prayers, your interests, your money and your influence to establish in Mexico this last and best religion of Jesus?

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE BOYS?

BY E. L. B.

Looking through the long and constantly-increasing list of bands, among the numerous Buds, Lilies, Pansies, Jewels and Sunbeams, we occasionally meet with a name that has in it a distinctly masculine ring—Brainerd, Pauline, Daniels, Soldiers of the King, these hardly need the bracketed explanation that they are boys' bands. Others are plainly and unadornedly set forth as "Boys' Bands." But all these are too few and far between. It looks as though there are not many boys enlisted in this work. Of course we knew that many bands comprise both boys and girls; that boys as well as girls may be, and are, Earnest, Cheerful and Willing Workers, Sowers, Reapers, Gleaners, Pearl-seekers and Coral-gath-

erers; but we have a kind of feeling, though we may be wrong, that the boys in such bands are mostly little fellows, and are on the back seats. We feel that the majority of the larger boys are out in the cold. Now girls are all very well, in fact, just as nice as they can be; but we don't like to see them crowding the boys out. We are inclined to stand up for "boys' rights" in this matter.

Have we hitherto done our duty to the boys in respect to mission work? Have we made sufficient effort to interest them? Have we given them opportunities to show what they are able and willing to do? Many persons take it for granted that it is impossible to interest boys in missions, but this is not the opinion of those who have tried the experiment. The writer was once connected with a "mixed" band (mixed as regards both sex and age), and often noticed that the boys were first at the meetings and last to leave. They were just as attentive and interested as the girls, and just as willing to take part in the exercises How anxious some of them were to "do something!" One little fellow was delighted beyond measure because he was selected to "second a motion," and was so anxious to do it well that he seconded before the motion was made, and kept on seconding after it was carried. Another, in his eagerness becoming confused, got the cart before the horse, and moved that the committee be accepted and the report continued. Of course we all laughed, but the boys didn't mind it a bit. These were small boys, but we found the larger ones just as willing, provided they were not asked to do anything inconsistent with their manliness. One consented to read a short extract from a missionary magazine, but when he found the facts were rather profusely interlarded with moral reflections, he stoutly declared "he wasn't going to stand up there and read all that sentimental stuff." He was humored. What he irreverently termed sentimental stuff was carefully eliminated, and he tranquilly read the facts.

While there is much to be commended in "co-education," it appears eminently desirable, for several reasons, that boys, especially the larger ones, should have separate organizations. They will take more interest in a band of their own, the meetings can be held at times to suit them, and topics for study can be selected and arranged with a view to their particular edification. There is no doubt that boys, many of them at least,—for of course there are boys and boys,—can be induced to enter very heartily into mission work. Some of our churches have long since recognized this fact, and the boys' band is an old story with them. Others are now taking up the matter with great zeal, and the number of these bands is increasing. But let us make a universal thing of it. Let us give all the boys a chance.

At Home.

Written for Woman's Work.

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE?

"Is there anything more?" she sadly thought,
Looking her tithes and offerings o'er,
Grieved at the meagre gifts she brought,
Longing to add to the slender store.
One thing only her puzzled brain
Fixed upon, as she pondered deep;
It smote her heart with a sudden pain—
That! oh that I may surely keep!

A strange memento; but, years ago,
When coins were but keepsakes rare,
Two treasured pieces, on lids of snow
Were tearfully laid with care.
The years of her sleep outnumbered now
The beautiful waking years.
O sweet brown eyes, 'neath a thoughtful brow!
O memory, bright through tears!

How far could those white-wrapped coinweights go
If into the treasury cast?
Costing a sacrifice none could know.
She could hear her heart beat fast,
And knew that the quickened pulses meant
She would finally give them up—
For even these, by the Master sent,
Might carry a cooling cup,

A living draught to a soul athirst,
In a land 'neath a tropic sky;
Should tender feeling alone be nursed
While multitudes faint and die?
With trembling hand, and a fervent prayer,
The secret treasure was cast.
Is there anything more? Ah! search with care;
Shall this be the least—and last?

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"IN CHRIST'S STEAD."

"*As he is so are we in this world.*" 1 Cor. vi. 15, f. c.; 2 Cor. iv. 10, 11; vi. 16; Gal. iv. 14, l. c.; John xvii. 18–23.

"*God hath committed to us the ministry of reconciliation.*" Compare John xvii. 4 with Acts i. 1, l. c.; John xx. 21; compare Isa. xlii. 1, 6, 7 with Acts xxvi. 17, 18; 2 Cor. v. 18–21; 1 Thess. ii. 4, 13; 2 Thess. i. 10–12.

"*Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring.*" John iii. 16; Matt. xxviii. 18–20; Luke xxiv. 47, 48; Acts i. 8; John xvii. 20; 1 Cor. ix. 16. H. M. J.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEMORY OF MRS. JOHN C. BALLAGH.

"*To all the missionaries connected with the woman's boards of the Presbyterian churches of America, greeting: May mercy, peace and great success attend you and your labors for the Master during the year we have just entered, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and His blessing upon all your efforts.*

"*How very often we wish those who are laboring so untiringly to keep up this end of the 'gospel rope'—often amid discouragements of which we are ignorant—could look in upon our schools, women's meetings or Sabbath services, when some of those in whom we are interested are being baptized and taking vows to follow the only true and living God! We have felt that they would be so cheered and encouraged by a sight which fills our own hearts with thanksgiving and joy.*"

As the WEEK OF PRAYER of 1884 was drawing to a close, and the meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, were still thronged with earnest, prayerful women, some one said, "The influence of these meetings ought to be extended, if possible, to the many who have not been able to attend them. Somebody ought to write of them for *Woman's Work*." The question as to who should do this was immediately answered by another, "Would not Mrs. Ballagh do it?" Then she was asked, and she promised at once that she would. Later in the same day she said to the writer of this, "How would it do for me to write about the week of prayer in the form of a letter to the missionaries, telling them what these meetings have been to me?" The only response that could be made to such a proposition was one of delighted approval, and there the matter was left.

The next day, the holy Sabbath day, was scarcely shadowed by the evening twilight, when swiftly the messenger of Death—we call it—*Life* it *is*—came to summon her away from earth. Her Sabbath afternoon was spent in a visit to the Home for Incurables near Philadelphia, talking to some of the inmates in their rooms and to a number of them assembled together; sweet, gentle, comforting words, like those indeed which Jesus Himself would have spoken, this servant of His spoke in His name. On the way home to the house which had been honored and blessed by her presence during the week, she talked of her enjoyment of the visit to the poor suffering ones, of the way in which God had at this time as often before "upset her plans" when she thought beforehand, of herself, what she would say and of the engagements and work of the coming week, ever with the chastened, obedient proviso, "If the dear Lord wants me to do this or that." What seemed to be an

attack of indigestion troubled her frequently during the last hour of the afternoon, but she made light of it, saying that she was over tired and needed rest. So she reached her room and was preparing for the bodily rest which she craved, when suddenly a faintness came over her, and in a few minutes *she* was with her Lord, and only the tenement which she had occupied was left. Who would not so leave the world? Her last earthly work a service for the Master, no knowledge of any dark valley or king of terrors or river of death, just a closing of the eyes in faintness and opening them upon "the King in His beauty!"

In moving around the room where her empty tabernacle lay, her husband a day or two afterward found a sheet of paper, in her handwriting, containing the words given above. Evidently after speaking of the wish that we here could see mission work as missionaries see it, her intention had been to tell of the meetings of the week, and what it had been to her to attend them. Her brief, unfinished message is now given to the readers of *Woman's Work*, as well as to the missionaries, beyond whom her thought had not shaped itself in words. But how can we convey to those who were not there the impression *she* left upon those who saw and heard her in that Week of Prayer! At the first meeting, on Monday, when the subject was praise and thanksgiving, Mrs. Ballagh spoke of the great awakening in Japan as having begun in a waiting on the Lord for the fulfillment of His word, and she urged the command and the following glorious promise of Malachi iii. 10 as the Lord's now way of bestowing the blessing sought. One who heard her says, "Ever since that day my mind has been full of the wonderful appropriateness of her remarks. I wished that her little talk might be made the inspiration for this year."

And so it was from day to day. On Tuesday, humiliation and confession of sin was the general theme. It was a solemn, impressive meeting—full of the presence of the Holy Spirit—and again Mrs. Ballagh's voice was heard, this time in earnest, pleading prayer. Wednesday's subject was a baptism of the Spirit upon the young of the church, and towards the close of the meeting Mrs. Ballagh asked for special prayer on behalf of the pupils and young converts in Japan, who are exposed to very peculiar trials and temptations. Thursday morning was given to prayer for the ministry and membership of the churches—that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit—and in the afternoon missionaries were especially remembered in their trials and difficulties. Not one in that crowded room will ever forget the voice or face of her who so simply and yet so effectively talked of missionary life and its experiences. apologizing for being more personal than she wished, she told some touching incidents of her own history as showing not only the trials

which come to missionaries, but also the supplies of help and strength which accompany these, the Holy Spirit's grace and presence being with them. She went on, warming with her memories and kindling with her love and devotion to the work of which she was speaking, until the gathering shadows made the leader feel compelled to remind her of them—though more than one said at the close of the meeting, "Oh, why did you not let her go on? we could have listened half an hour more." And so it was good to us all to hear her voice again in that same meeting, when after some thrilling words from Layeh Barakat, the child of the Syrian mission, now the instrument in God's hand of great good among the churches at home, Mrs. Ballagh led in the closing prayer.

On Friday we prayed for "nations and governments, heathen and Christian." Mrs. John Newton, Jr., formerly of India, spoke of the power that heathen rulers have to distress and disturb native Christians, or those who would be such, and of their using this power to an extent which we do not realize at home. Mrs. Ballagh followed, confirming this statement, and urging the need of prayer that the governments of the world may be possessed by the Spirit of God, and speaking of Corea and its wonderful attitude just now.

Saturday's meeting was devoted to a large subject—even the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh—and was mainly in the hands of the young people. Just here it may not be out of place to mention a thought which must have come to the minds of many who were at this Saturday meeting, as the voice of one *young* Christian after another was heard in prayer. *There* is the great hope of this work of ours, so far as earthly agencies are concerned. If we who in these latter years have learned to use our voices in our meetings together, perhaps after many a conflict and struggle with ourselves and with the enemy to whom praying circles must always be a grief and fear—if we had lifted this cross and accustomed ourselves to it when we were young, we should long ago have ceased to call or think it a cross—rather regarding it as a blessed means of grace. Mrs. Ballagh was greatly touched by hearing these young voices in prayer, and spoke especially of the comfort to her own heart of some of the petitions offered. She rose at one point of the meeting and asked for special remembrance of the proposed hospital and training school for nurses, in Japan, in which she was so deeply interested—that the blessing of God might rest upon it from the very beginning—that the missionaries who would have the charge of it might have all the wisdom which they would need, and that souls might be saved as well as bodies healed through its ministrations.

After every one of these meetings, this dear servant of the Lord was surrounded by interested, sympathetic groups who had felt the

strong attraction of her loving spirit and her devotion to her work, and were anxious to ask her questions, thank her for her words, or secure her presence at some other meeting. It was said even then —"She is different from any one who ever came among us." Ah, yes! the difference was, though we did not know it, that she was nearing the end of her journey—her spirit, all unknown to herself, was rising to greet the coming messenger, and what we all felt was the fluttering of his wings about her soul.

And now this week of prayer has to us in Philadelphia, and to the missionaries whom our dear sister was going to draw within the circle of its influence through her letter, a new, tender, blessed association. It holds in it a message of warning, of comfort, of inspiration. We must also be "ready, for in such an hour as we think not, the Son of man cometh." We need not be in bondage to the fear of death, for "the twinkling of an eye" may measure our passage into heaven. We should be stimulated by our sister's simple, unswerving faith and singular yielding of herself to whatever service of suffering or doing her Lord might appoint for her.

She did not come here for the Week of Prayer, and to die among us, by accident. God surely had in this providence something for *us* as well as for her. He called her from what was to her a most blessed season, the enjoyment of which in its noonday and evening meetings she repeatedly expressed as being very great.

But shall we not carry through the year thus begun the precious example of faith, diligence, single-minded service, preparation of heart for life or death, gentle charity united with steadfast purpose, which God has made so striking to us through the presence and the sudden departure of this beloved missionary and dear friend?

God help us so to do, and make this year one of truer, better, more faithful work for and waiting upon Him than we have ever yet known! M. H. P.

THE CHRISTMAS DIME OFFERING.

It was a beautiful thought of Dr. Ellinwood's, the "Christmas Dime Offering" to the Lord. Christmas monopolized by the Christian Church, "kept a secret for nearly two thousand years, while most of the millions for whom Christ died are still ignorant of the fact that a Saviour has ever appeared on the earth," was a truth that touched the heart of many a pastor and teacher. They gladly presented the appeal to their Sabbath-schools. Then came the loving response from the children, their hearts glowing with the thought of a birthday gift to the Saviour; and from all over

the Northwest the little offerings came flowing into Room 48. One hundred and twenty letters, containing more than six hundred dollars, have already been received, and many contributions have been sent to 23 Centre Street, New York.

A pastor in Minnesota writes: "I invited our little union school to contribute, and they did so unanimously, the Methodist superintendent giving the first dime. The interest awakened by the call and the cards and the chart has stimulated and enlarged the school."

A Wisconsin lady says: "You would have been pleased to see the bright, eager eyes in the infant class when I read them the appeal from the Board. The idea of making the dear Saviour a birthday gift was entirely new to them, and the following Sabbath they came in with their pennies in their hands, saying, 'We have brought Jesus a birthday present.' God grant that they may all grow up to be true missionaries!"

From Colorado a superintendent writes: "We send you $5.00, and the prayers of our school go with it. It is the first missionary collection, I believe, that has ever gone out of this place."

One said: "I asked for the dime as candy-money—their own self-denial—and I believe many of them took me at my word and have denied themselves."

Another writes: "Enclosed please find $11.60. You have no idea how happy our school was over its large offering. It has done the children a world of good. Considering the fact that, as a school, ours has never given to missions before, we think we have done well."

Many schools of poor, struggling churches send their dime offerings, saying, "We wish it were more." "Small as it is, it is given in good faith." "We have done the best that we could; ours is a mission school, but we can do something."

A minister in Nebraska sends a small offering from each of the four schools in the feeble churches under his care; and another is determined to organize foreign missionary societies in the three churches of which he is pastor, feeling sure that it will deepen the interest in the cause of Christ at home.

We could mention touching incidents of personal gifts if time and space would permit; but enough has been said to show how much interest has been awakened by this appeal. Had it been presented earlier, nearly all of the schools in our district would have made an offering. This is only a beginning of what will be. As the years roll round and Christmas comes and goes, the children will not forget to bring their gifts to Him whose birth they celebrate, and soon all the world shall join in the song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

THE following notice, which appeared in our papers a short time ago, has doubtless been read by many of our readers:

GOHEEN.—In Kolhapur, India, December 11, 1884, Elsie, child of Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Goheen, aged twenty months. Elsie was loved by all who knew her—Christians, Hindus and Mussulmans—above all, by Him who hath taken her home.

The same mail which brought the tidings of the death of this little one also contained the news of Mrs. Goheen's severe illness. May the prayers of God's people be with these parents in their sorrow.

A HELPFUL BOOK.

MRS. S. R. HOUSE of Waterford, N. Y., who was for many years a missionary to Siam, has prepared a very helpful little book upon that country. Although originally intended for the use of mission bands, it will be found equally interesting and useful to auxiliary societies. In a small space, Mrs. House has, by means of well-chosen questions and answers, given a wonderful amount of information upon her subject. It may be obtained at room 25, 1334 Chestnut Street. Price six cents per copy.

PASTORS and Sabbath-school superintendents who are in doubt about the methods of sending sums contributed by Sabbath-schools for foreign missions are hereby informed that all such moneys will be received by the treasurer of each Presbyterial society and forwarded. The annual reports of the woman's societies and of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions will contain the acknowledgment of these sums.

W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

1334 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER-MEETING.

ASSEMBLY ROOM, MARCH 18, 1884, 12 M.

MEXICO.—*Text:* "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like as a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Jer. xxiii. 29.

Theme for Scripture Reading: "In Christ's stead." John xx. 21.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, corner Twelfth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, on April 30 and May 1, 1884. According to Section 2 in Article III. of the By-laws, "one delegate may be sent from each Presbyterial Society, each Auxiliary, each Young People's Branch and Band." Names of delegates should be sent *not later than the 12th of April* to MISS CAROLINE WATSON, 1539 North Tenth Street, that their entertainment may be provided for. Each delegate should be provided with a note of introduction from the president of the society she represents. Others wishing to attend the meetings will be cordially welcomed and will be given the addresses of good boarding-houses on applying to Miss Watson. M. B. SMITH,

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

WE desire to call the special attention of our Presbyterial secretaries to the request found on the upper right-hand corner of the Blanks for Reports recently sent to them, asking that the blanks be filled out and returned *by April 1st* to the Presbyterial Secretary at 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. In order that this may be done it is necessary that the secretary of each auxiliary should do her duty *promptly*. Let no one put it off a single day after she has the necessary statistics in her possession. If any secretary has failed to receive her blank, a duplicate will be sent on application.

TREASURERS are earnestly requested to forward their money before, or as soon as possible after, the 1st of April. Please remit by draft on Philadelphia or New York, or post-office order, *not by local check*.

ON account of changes in postage rates, persons ordering mite-boxes will please send postage at the rate of two cents for each five boxes.

PLEASE send to 23 *Centre Street, New York*, and not to Philadelphia, for the *Monthly Letter*.

THE Methodist North India mission last year raised $32,002, or more than half the appropriation for the work. This shows that the gospel there is a vital force.

HELPS FOR WORKERS.

Historical Sketches of the Missions of the Board of Foreign Missions (each Sketch 10 cts.),	$0 50
Historical Sketch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	1
Missionary Atlas ($1 per dozen),	10
Collectors' Cards,	1
Young People's Pledge Cards,	1
Not for the Heathen merely, but for Christ (per dozen),	6
At Home and Abroad,	1
Hour of Prayer (10 cts. per dozen),	1
Thirteenth Annual Report,	15
Scrap Book Pictures, 12 in the set,	10
Suggestions Concerning Young Ladies' Mission Bands,	5
Our Mission Band (20 cts. per dozen),	2
Five to Six (20 cts. per dozen),	2
A Chinese Wheelbarrow (10 cts. per dozen),	1
Our Jesus (hymn and tune), per doz.,	10
For. Miss. Catechism (25 cts. per doz.),	3
Giving like a Little Child (per dozen),	6
A Strange but True Story, per dozen,	8
Will you lead in prayer? (10 cts. per dozen),	1
Medical Mission Work,	1
Constitutions for Presbyterial Soc.,	free.
Constitutions for Auxiliary Societies,	"
Hints for Organization of Auxiliaries,	"
Constitution for Young People's Branch,	"
Constitution for Mission Bands,	free.
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[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

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BINGHAMTON.—Waverly Aux., nat. tea. Kolapoor, 80 00

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CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 2d, Anna West Bd., Miss'y Japan, 43; Chambersburg, Falling Spring Aux., 12 12, Mrs. Coyle, birthday thank-off., 25, mite-box, 3 (40 12), Miss'y Japan; Dauphin Aux., sch'p Sidon, 50; Gettysburg, Miss McPherson, Miss'y India, 50; Harrisburg, 1st, Aux., nat. tea., Beirut, 100, Miss'y Japan, 64, Macedonian Band, same, 25, boy Tungchow, 25, Woman's Prayer-meeting, same, 25 (239); Pine St. Aux., Missy Syria, 50, nat. tea. Syria, 70, J. F. Seiler, sch. Allahabad, 70; Whatsoever Bd., sch. Benita, 30 (220); Westminster Ch., Eddy Bd., sch'p Sidon, 20; Mercersburg, Y. L. B., for L. M. and Miss'y Syria, 25; Middle Spring Aux., Miss'y Nanking, 24, Miss'y Japan, 20 (44); Newville, Big Spring Aux., Miss'y Nanking, 25; Petersburg Ch. Aux., Miss'y Japan, 25. 781 12

CHESTER.—Darby, Sunbeam Band, 53 33

CHILLICOTHE.—Chillicothe, 3d, Aux., 8 28; Concord Aux., 6; Greenfield Aux., 15 70; Hillsboro' Aux., 19, Sycamore Branch, 6 (25); Pisgah Aux., 19; North Fork, 8 45; Washington C. H. Aux., 5 80, Y. P. B., 20 (25 80); Wilkesville Aux., 11—all for Miss'y Bogota. 119 23

CINCINNATI.—Bantam Aux., 5; Cincinnati, 3d, Aux., 70; 5th, Aux., L. M., 25, Mrs. R. Brown, sch. Saharanpur, 50 (75); 6th Ch., Aux., 26; 7th Ch., Aux., 33 25, Lower Lights, Miss'y Wewoka, 35 (68 25); Poplar St. Ch., Y. L. B., 9 50; Walnut Hills Aux. (25 for L. M.), 50 25; Cleves Aux., 20; College Hill Aux., 25; Delhi, sch. Lahore, 10; Glendale Aux., 38, friends of missions, Helen Rankin sch'p Dehra, 40 (78); Morrow Aux., 4 10; Wyoming Aux., sch'p Yokohama, 30. 471 10

CLARION.—Beechwoods Aux., L. M. and Miss'y, 25; Leatherwood Aux., 12 40; Richland Aux., 14 88. 52 28

CLEVELAND.—Ashtabula Aux., 15 36; Cleveland, North, 6 40; 1st, Aux., 199 29; W. Reserve College Aux., 10; Collamer Aux., 18 75; Northfield Aux., 6 (255 80), for Miss'y Woodstock; 1st Ch., Little Rill Bd., sch'p Sidon, 45; Fidelia Fisk Bd., Oroomiah Hospital. 25. 325 80

COLUMBUS.—Columbus, 1st, 100; 2d, 32 20; Westminster, 17 73 (149 93), Miss'y Syria; Dublin Aux., 5; London, Finley Band, sch. Futtehgurh, 12 50, Cheerful Givers, sch'p Canton, 15 (27 50); Scioto Aux., 2 50. 184 93

DAYTON.—Dayton, 1st, Y. L. B., zenana work, 25; Oxford Aux., 30; Piqua Aux., Dehra bld'g, 12; S. S., sch. Canton, 39; Springfield, 2d, Aux., schs. Saharanpur, 25, Canton, 10, S. S., work under Mrs. Wherry, Peking, 25 (60); Troy Aux., sch. Mexico, 45. 211 00

ELIZABETH.—Bethlehem Aux., for Syria, 25; Plainfield Aux. (25 from Mrs. L. Myers, L. M.), Miss'y Brazil, 137 93, Bd., sch. Sao Paulo, 50 (187 93). 212 93

ERIE.—Edinboro' Aux., 33; Fredonia Aux., 10 60; Girard Aux., 7 97; Meadville, 1st, work San Francisco, 21; Mercer, Busy Bees, 8 92; Oil City, 1st, sch'p Futtehgurh, 30; Titusville, Infant Class, mission sch., 1; Warren Aux. (sch'p Sidon, 50), 184 59, Y. L. Soc., sch'p Wewoka, 50 (234 59). 347 08

GENESEE.—Attica Aux., 19 25; Castile Aux., sch. Tokio, 25; Warsaw Aux., sch. Sao Paulo, 25. 69 25

GENEVA.—Phelps, Everett Bd., for Beirut Sem., 25 00

HUNTINGDON.—Alexandria, Y. L. B., 16 45; Altoona, 1st, Aux., 34; Altoona, 2d, Aux. (Miss'y Japan, 25), 98 50; Bald Eagle, 15; Bellefonte Aux., 88 61, Loring Bd., sch'p Kolapoor, 30 (118 61); Birmingham Aux., 41 45, Warrior's Mark Bd. (sch'p Kolapoor, 30), 43 (84 45); Clearfield Aux., 33 35, Y. P. B., 13 24 (46 59); Colerain Forge S. S., sch'p Sidon, 53 25; Duncansville Aux., 30; East Kishacoquillas Aux.,

55 21; Huntingdon Aux. (Miss'y Ningpo, 50), 86 90, Lilies of the Valley, 27 (113 90); Lewistown Aux., 72 78; Logans Valley Aux., 24; Lower Spruce Creek, 44; Lower Tuscarora, 50; Martinsburg, Hope Band, 3 37; Mifflintown Aux., Miss'y Japan, 19 06; Mt. Union Aux., 20 75, Daisy Band, 16 25 (37); Pine Grove Aux., 17; Port Royal Aux., Miss'y Ningpo, 50, Stewart Circle, 8 (58); Sinking Creek, sch'p Ningpo, 40; Sinking Valley Aux., 115; Spring Creek, 130 31; Spruce Creek Aux., 304 37; Tyrone Aux., 23 85; Williamsburg Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 60. 1664 70

Jersey City.—Bergen, 1st, Aux., Miss'y Bogota, 83 10; Paterson, 2d, Aux., Miss'y Ferozepore, 50; Rutherford Aux., same, 37 57; Tenafly Aux., nat. tea. Dehra, 50; West Hoboken, Workers, Miss'y Ferozepore, 40. 260 67

Kittanning.—Apollo Aux., 23 80, Hopeful Bd., 10 50, Faithful Workers, 3 20 (37 50), Miss'y India; Boiling Spring Aux., 12 05; Eldersridge Aux., Miss'y India, 37; Freeport Aux., Miss'y Siam, 25, two Bands, boy Tungchow, 40 (65); Jacksonville S. S., sch'p Beirut, 50; Leechburg Aux., Miss'y Siam, 25; Marion Aux., 15; Rural Valley, 15; Saltsburg Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 30; West Lebanon Aux. (Miss'y India, 60), 94 20. 380 75

Lackawanna.—Athens Aux., sch'p Sidon, 25, Willing Workers, Benita, 5 (30); Coalville Aux., Miss'y India, 41 95; Franklin Ch., Upsonville Bd., 14; Honesdale Aux., 77 50; Langcliffe Aux., sch. Syria, 37 50; Plymouth Aux., sch. Syria, 24 75; Scranton, 1st, Aux., 75, Juvenile Miss'y Asso., Miss'y Beirut, 125 (200); Scranton, 2d, Aux., Miss'y India, 13 02; Green Ridge Ave. Aux., sch. Syria, 25; Washburn St. Aux., 9 30; Towanda Aux., Miss'y Benita, 50; Troy Aux., same, 20, Birthday Bd., Miss'y India, 10, Willing Helpers, sch'p Tripoli, 12 50 (42 50); West Pittston Aux., 30, Bd., sch'p Canton, 3 (33); Wilkesbarre, 1st, Aux., Miss'y India, 100; Wyalusing, 1st, Miss'y Benita, 10. 708 52

Lehigh.—Hokendauqua Aux., 8 35; Mauch Chunk S. S., Lodiana bld'g, 50. 58 35

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New Castle. — Chesapeake City, Mrs. S. D. Boardman, 25; Dover Aux., 86; Glasgow Aux., 5 94; Newark S. S., sch'p Kolapoor, 30; Pitt's Creek Aux., sch'p Tungchow, 20, Bd., 4 (24); Port Penn Aux., 13, Willing Workers, 22 31, Labaree Bd., 8 83 (44 16); Wilmington, Hanover St. Aux., sch'p Kolapoor, 30, village sch. Syria, 76 95 (106 95). 322 55

Newton.—Asbury Aux., Sao Paulo, 14 34; Belvidere, 1st, Aux., zen. visit. Lahore, 40, Infant Sch., sch'p Benita, 20 (60); Belvidere, 2d, Aux., sch'p Beirut, 58; Blairstown Aux., nat. tea. Canton, 15; Hackettstown Aux., 38 06; Newton S. S., sch'p Wewoka, 33 02; Stewartsville Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 12 50; Stillwater Aux., Chinese Home Cal., 32; Washington, 1st, Aux., schs. Saharanpur, 100. 362 92

Northumberland.—Bloomsburg S. S., nat. tea. Sidon, 50 00

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Philadelphia.—Calvary Ch., Dale Bd., sch'p Benita, 15; Day Dawn Bd., 25, Henry Paul Bd., 25, Star of Bethlehem Bd., 25 (75), Miss'y and 3 L. M.'s; 1st Ch., Mrs. M. S. Dickinson, 50, Miss Mary McIlvaine, 50 (100), for training sch. Japan; Old Pine St. Ch., Buds of Promise, Gaboon, 30, May Blossoms, sch'p Canton, 15 (45); South Ch., Cheerful Givers, sch'p Dehra, 20; Tabor Aux., sch'p Mynpurie (2 y'rs), 60; Westminster Aux. and Bd., sch. Syria, 60. 375 00

Philadelphia Central.—Alexander Ch., S. S., Christmas Off'g, 15 20; Arch St. Aux., zen. visitor India, 75, Y. L. B., sch'p Dehra, 20, S. S., sch'p Dehra, 40, Lodiana bld'g, 20, Christmas Off'g, 20 (175); Bethesda Aux.,

Miss'y Poplar Creek, 400; Columbia Ave. Ch., Little Gardeners of N. 22d St., 5; North Ch. Aux., sch. Syria, 100; North Broad St. Aux., Miss'y Persia, 150, Mrs. Wm. Hogg, sch. Syria, 75 (225); Olivet Ch. Aux., nat. tea. Kolapoor, 50, Olivet Graham Bd., sch'p Gaboon, 7 50, Jesus' Little Lambs, sch'p Dehra, 20 (77 50); Oxford Ch., S. S., Christmas Off'g, 33 66. 1031 36

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SYRACUSE.—Oswego, 1st, Mrs. R. Oliver, sch'p boys' sch. Sidon, 40; Skaneateles (Aux., sch'p Sidon, 40), 84 88. 124 88

WASHINGTON.—Burgettstown, Golden Rule Bd., sch'p Canton, 12 66; Cross Creek Aux., Miss'y Allahabad, 50, Loring Bd., Med. Fund, 37 50 (87 50); Forks of Wheeling Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, 49; Cove Ch. Aux., 10; Upper Buffalo, Miss'y Tungchow, 62 50; Washington, 1st, Sewing Soc., Miss'y Allahabad, 75, Med. Fund, 8, Cornes Bd., three sch'ps Mynpurie, 25, June Rose Buds, two sch'ps Shanghai, 20 19 (128 19); Washington, 2d, Aux., Miss'y Syria, 25; Wellsburg Aux., Miss'y India, 12 75, Mackey Band, Dehra bld'g, 5 20 (17 95); West Union Aux., Miss'y Syria, 13, Band, Med. Fund, 12 50 (25 50); Wheeling, 1st, Aux., Miss'y India, 61 15, Band of Hope, Miss'y Syria, 28, Cranmer Bd., hospital Petchaburi, 20 (109 15). 527 45

WASHINGTON CITY.—Falls Aux., 6; Washington, 1st, 12 50; Metropolitan Aux., 15; New York Ave. Aux., zen. visitor Lodiana, 150, Bethany Band, sch. Mexico, 50 (200); North Ch. Aux., 7 50; West St. Aux., 15; 15th St. Aux., 5 36; Western Aux., 21 50; col. at meeting, 1 75, sup. Miss'y India. 284 61

WESTMINSTER. — Lancaster Aux., Miss'y Nez Perces, 100; Moneghan Aux., same, 14 75, Band, 4 (18 75); New Harmony Aux., 26 04, Bd., 2 64 (28 68), for Miss'y; Wrightsville Aux., same, 34. 181 43

WEST VIRGINIA.—Ravenswood Aux., zen. visitor Lahore, 14 35

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MISCELLANEOUS. — Auburn, N. Y., Mrs. Abbie M. Porter, 10; Baltimore, Md., a friend, training sch., Japan, 5; Rosa Goersen, leper asylums, India, 90; Camden, N. J., L. A. W., training sch. Japan, 1; Cornwells, Pa., Mrs. C. W. Middleton, Lodiana bld'g, 50; Doylestown, O., a friend, 10; Germantown, Pa., Mrs. S. G. Beck, training sch. Japan, 50; Mauch Chunk, Pa., Mrs. Emeline Peck, Lodiana bld'g, 25; Mrs. H. W. Cortright, same, 25; Montclair, N. J., Mrs. M. E. Morrison, 20; Montreal, Canadian W. B. M., sch'p Beirut, 75; North Aurora, Ill., Mrs. C. Pierce, 4 50; Owego, N. Y., D. M. Pitcher, *spec.* for Japan, 25; Philadelphia, C. A. P., first offering for training school Japan, 1; per Mrs. J. F. Dripps, same, 5; Mary White, same, 3 50; an inmate of the Home for Incurables, same, 1; a friend, same, 1; Mary P. Wilcox, thank-off., 4; "Godspeed," 25; Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE.

TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN MARCH.

Ephesians vi. *Topic.*—"The Lord our strength."

Golden Text for the Month.—Phil. iv. 13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Prayer for Mexico.

TO SECRETARIES, BOTH LOCAL AND PRESBYTERIAL, OF THE NORTHWEST.

PACKAGES of blank reports were sent to Presbyterial secretaries in February for distribution. To local secretaries! Please fill out blanks immediately after your annual meeting and forward to your Presbyterial secretary. To Presbyterial secretaries! A double supply of Presbyterial blanks have been sent you. Fill out one and send immediately to Room 48, McCormick Block, Chicago, Ill., *not* to any private residence. Please foot up columns, as on page 43, etc., of Twelfth Report. Fill the additional blank in the same way and send to Synodical secretary, who is to prepare report for Annual Meeting. Do not wait too long for the tardy ones!

THE Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held in Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis., April 23 and 24. Mrs. Van Hook, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Carey, Miss Cundall and Miss Cole, who are in this country, are expected to be present, as will probably others who will soon after leave for the first time for the foreign field. Further notice of the meeting will appear in the April number.

Miss Dora Ball, of Cedar Rapids, has become a missionary of this Board to the Indians, and began her work, November 7, in the Sac and Fox mission, Tama City, Iowa.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Anamosa, Iowa, Sabbath-school.
Carthage, Ill., Y. L. Society.
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[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

Alton.—Alton, 13 40; S. S., Shanghai sch., 8 75; Bethel, Laos sch'p, 6 05; Blair S. S., 8; Chester, 15; Jerseyville, B. R. Persia, 9; Apple Blossoms, 1; Litchfield, 7 75; Nakomis, Busy Bees, nat. tea. Africa, 11 65; Sparta, Boys' Band, Laos sch., 4 85; Steelville S. S., 6; Rockwood S. S., 5. 96 45

Bellefontaine. — Crestline S. S., 6 35; Mt. Blanchard S. S., 4 10. 10 45

Bloomington. — Champaign, Brazil sch., 3; S. S., 5; Chatsworth S. S., 5; Clinton, 15; Cooksville, 8; El Paso, 8; Gibson City, 9 50; Hoopeston, 2; Mackinaw Ch., 10; Lexington S. S., 10; Pierson Station, 60 cts.; Tolono, 10. 86 10

Cairo.—Carbondale, H. M., 25; S. S., 40; Du Quoin, 19 20; Enfield S. S., 27; Golconda S. S., 10; Linn Ch., 5; Nashville S. S., 2 60; Richview, 3 70. 132 50

Cedar Rapids.—Cedar Rapids, 1st, sal. Miss Jewett, 10; 2d, S. S., Osaka bld'g, 50; Watkins, 2 20; Sac and Fox Mission, 50 cts.; S. S., 1. 63 70

Chicago.—Arlington Heights, 8 65; Chicago, 1st, 47; Dr. and Mrs. Pearsons, Med. Fund, 1000; Mrs. Joseph Field, 100; Y. L. S., sal. Dr. Sarah Cummings, 454 75; S. S., education of girls in India and China, 300; 2d, Tabriz sch., 82 67; child in Chefoo, 40; 3d, sal. Miss Olmstead, 100; Seed Sowers, Lodiana sch'p, 20; 4th, 34; sal. Miss Anderson, 108 05; Y. L. S., 9 75; Mothers' Mite Soc., 7 74; Howe St. Mission Bible Class, 2 50; 5th, Mr. E. M. Merrick, Chieng Mai Mission, 20; S. S., 12 81; sal. Mrs. Fulton, 7 35; trav. expenses Mrs. Peoples,

7 35; 8th, 33 50; Evanston, sal. Miss Jacobs, 90; Willing Workers, same, 10; S. S., Syrian sch., 20; Glenwood S. S., 5; Highland Park S. S., 10; Joliet, Central Ch., 27 57; Lake Forest, 17; Y. P. S., 13 10; "L. D.," bed Oroomiah Hospital, 25; S. S., 13 50; Riverside, 20; "Interiorites," 40 cts. 2647 69

Council Bluffs.—Bedford, 3; Council Bluffs, 8 20; Fairview, 4; Essex S. S., 3 15; Lenox, 3; Logan, 6 45; Malvern S. S., 5 35; Nodaway, 2; Red Oak, 7 77; Pearl Gatherers, 2 55; Villisca, 1; S. S., 7; Walnut S. S., 6; Corning, Chefoo sch'p, 12 50; Council Bluffs, 2 45; Lenox, 2; Malvern, Y. L., 5; Nodaway, 1; Red Oak, 4 25; Pearl Gatherers, 1 25; Shenandoah, 5—last seven for Sac and Fox Mission; Emerson, Monterey, 4; Red Oak, Ningpo sch'p, 6 25. 103 17

Dayton.—Western Fem. Seminary, Oxford, Union Aux. Society, 91 85

Denver.—Boulder, 17 20; Y. L. S., Canton sch'p, 15; Denver, Central Ch., 15; Capitol Ave. Ch., S. S., 11 50; Leadville S. S., 8 50. 67 20

Des Moines.—Des Moines S. S., 20; Newton S. S., 8 75. 28 75

Detroit.—Detroit, Fort St. Ch., Y. L. S., sal. Miss Bassett, 350; S. S., nat. tea. and sch'ps Bangkok, 160; 1st, Richardson Band, Ningpo, sch'p, 40; Bangkok sch'p, 30; "Chun Ho," 75; Milford, Jennie Dean Band, Persian sch., 9. 664 00

Dubuque.—Chester, Willie and David Thomas, 20 cts.; Dubuque, 50; Armor Bearers, Dehra sch'p, 30; Lansing, Sac and Fox Mission, 5. 85 20

Ft. Dodge.—Boone S. S., Teheran sch'p, 30; Calliope, L. A. Soc., 5; Ft. Dodge, Sac and Fox Mission, 5; Vail, 5. 45 00

Ft. Wayne.—Ft. Wayne, 2d, Osaka bld'g, 12 50; Lima, 10; S. S., 7. 29 50

Freeport.—Freeport, 1st, 25; Winnebago, Rio Claro sch., 40. 65 00

Hastings.—Beaver City, Mrs. Bushnell, thank-off., 8 00

Iowa.—Birmingham S. S., 3 75; Mediapolis, 7 96; Middletown, 4 20. 15 91

Iowa City.—Brooklyn, 5 50; Crawfordsville, 7 35; Davenport, 1st, Mem. sch'p Gaboon, 12 50; Iowa City, 20; Le Claire S. S., 10; Marengo, 6; Muscatine, Dehra sch'p, 30; Oxford, 4; Scott Ch., 8 25; Washington, 22 43; Wilton Junction, 10. 136 03

Kearney.—St. Paul, Mrs. M. K. Robinson, 25 00

Lake Superior.—Iron River, 5; Florence, 12; Ishpeming, 33 90, Gaboon sch'p, 6 25, Kangwe sch'p, 3 50, Canton sch'p, 3 75 (47 40); Marquette, 47; S. S., 35 19; Menominee, 7 86; Oconto S. S., 11 60; Ontonagon S. S., 7 50. 173 55

Lansing. — Albion, 12; Brooklyn, 10; Mason, 8—all sal. Mrs. Hayes; Battle Creek, Miss S. W. Wheelock, 3 15; Stockbridge S. S., 1 40. 34 55

Logansport.—Hebron, 10; Laporte, 37; Circle, 14 35; Logansport, Broadway Ch., Willing Workers, 8; Michigan City, 24—all H. M.; Hebron, 5; Logansport, Broadway Ch., Canton sch., 5; Willing Workers, same, 7; Lowell S. S., 1 50; Wolcott, Meadow Lake Ch., 12; Mishawaka, Persian sch., 5; Valparaiso, sal. Mrs. Warren and B. R., 31; S. S., 4; Willing Workers, Rio Claro sch'p, 15. 178 85

Mankato.—Mankato, 10; St. James S. S., 2 50; St. Peter, Busy Bee Bd., 5. 17 50

Mattoon.—Arcola S. S., 6; Ashmore S. S., 16; Assumption, 14; Charleston, Kangwe sch'ps, 18 50; Paris, 6 25; Taylorville, sal. Miss Calhoun, 14. 74 75

Milwaukee.—Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., 37 50; Immanuel Ch., S. S., 25. 62 50

Monroe.—Adrian, J. A. C., 10; S. S., Gaboon sch'ps, 50; W. M. S., 8 57; Jonesville, 9; Tecumseh, Y. L., 10—all sal. Mrs. McKee; Jonesville, 5; Tecumseh, 10; Y. L. S., 15—all sal. Miss Patton; Coldwater S. S., 22 50; Monroe, Rio Claro sch'p, 8 90. 148 97

Nebraska City.—Fairmount S. S., 8 50; Pawnee City S. S., 4; Salem, Mrs. H. D. Foy, thank-off., 10; tithe money, 15; York S. S., 14. 51 50

New Albany. — Bedford, 2 38; Charleston, 8; Hanover, 4 85; Jeffersonville, 14 55; Madison, 1st, 24 25; Solon, Owen Creek Ch., 8 93—all sal. Miss Warner; Hanover, Ningpo sch'p, 6 79; S. S., 5; Paoli S. S., 2 50; New Albany, sal. Mrs. Morrison, 63; Vernon S. S., 13 03. 153 28

Omaha. — Omaha, 2d, S. S., 18; Schuyler, 9 15. 27 15

Ottawa.—Aurora, 10 60; S. S., 6 25;

Mendota, Dehra sch'p, 30; Sandwich, 44 19. 91 04

Peoria.—Delavan, 3 55; S. S., 19 86; Dunlap, Prospect Ch., 4 65; sal. Mrs. Winn, 15; Elmira, 12 85; S. S., 6; Princeville, Winn Band, 25—all sal. Mrs. Winn; Galesburg, Pearl Seekers, Laos sch'p, 5; Lodiana sch'p, 30; Green Valley, 6 25, Rural Gleaners, 8 50—both Laos sch'p; Lewistown, Ambala sch., 30; Oneida Band, 37; Peoria, 1st, 26 05; E. R. Edwards Bd., 15 59; Little Lights, 5 25; 2d, 26 40; Calvary, 6 25; Grace, 12; Princeville, B. R. India, 50; Salem, Persian student, 18 75. 363 95

Pueblo.—Colorado Springs S. S., 27 09; Pueblo, sal. Miss Burdick, 10; South Pueblo S. S., 12; Walsenburgh, 5. 54 09

Red River.—Fargo, 10 50; Moorhead, 4. 14 50

Rock River.—Morrison, R. J. Mackay, thank-off., 5 00

Saginaw.—Caro, 15; Cass City S. S., 10; Morrice, 15; Mt. Pleasant S. S., 10; Saginaw, 60; Vassar, 11 75; West Bay City, Y. L. S., 68 62. 190 37

Schuyler.—Appanoose, 25; Augusta, 10; Carthage, 3; sch'p Africa, 25; Clayton, 3 50; Ebenezer Ch., 4; Hamilton, 6; Kirkwood, 2; Macomb, 5; Band, 6; Monmouth, 22; S. S., 29 63; Quincy, 15; S. S., 25; Nauvoo S. S., 2; Warsaw, Wythe Ch., 23 50; S. S., 10. 216 63

Southern Dakota.—Huron, Benga pub., 27 85

Springfield.—Bates S. S., 2 84; Jacksonville, Westminster Ch., Rio Claro sch'p, 35 67; Lincoln, 11 76; North Sangamon, 30 89; Petersburg, 8 13; Springfield, 1st, 24 25—last four sal. Mrs. Corbet; 2d, Syrian sch., 25; 3d, S. S., for Laos, 20 05; Waverly, a friend of missions, 100. 258 59

Vincennes.—Evansville, a friend, 100; Walnut St. Ch., sal. Mrs. Warren, 30; 1st Ave. Ch., 17; Princeton, 10; Vincennes, 8 10; Band, 4 90; Washton, 25. 195 00

Whitewater.—Brookville, 12 50; College Corner, 4; Ebenezer Ch., 10; Greensburg, 55 46; Kingston, 24 45; Knightstown, 5; Liberty, 1 50; Rushville, 31 47; Shelbyville, 12 50—all sal. Miss Garvin; Richmond, Syrian sch., 70. 226 88

Wisconsin River.—Cambria S. S., 9; Madison, Mary Campbell Bd., Laos sch'p, 12 50; Mineral Point S. S., 2. 23 50

Winona.—Chester S. S., 1; Clairmont S. S., 5 50; Ripley S. S., 2 80; Rochester S. S., 9; Skeedee S. S., 1 50. 19 80

Winnebago.—Fort Howard S. S., 6; Fremont S. S., 2 80; Neenah S. S., 20; Omro S. S., 10; Weyauwega S. S., 4 20. 43 00

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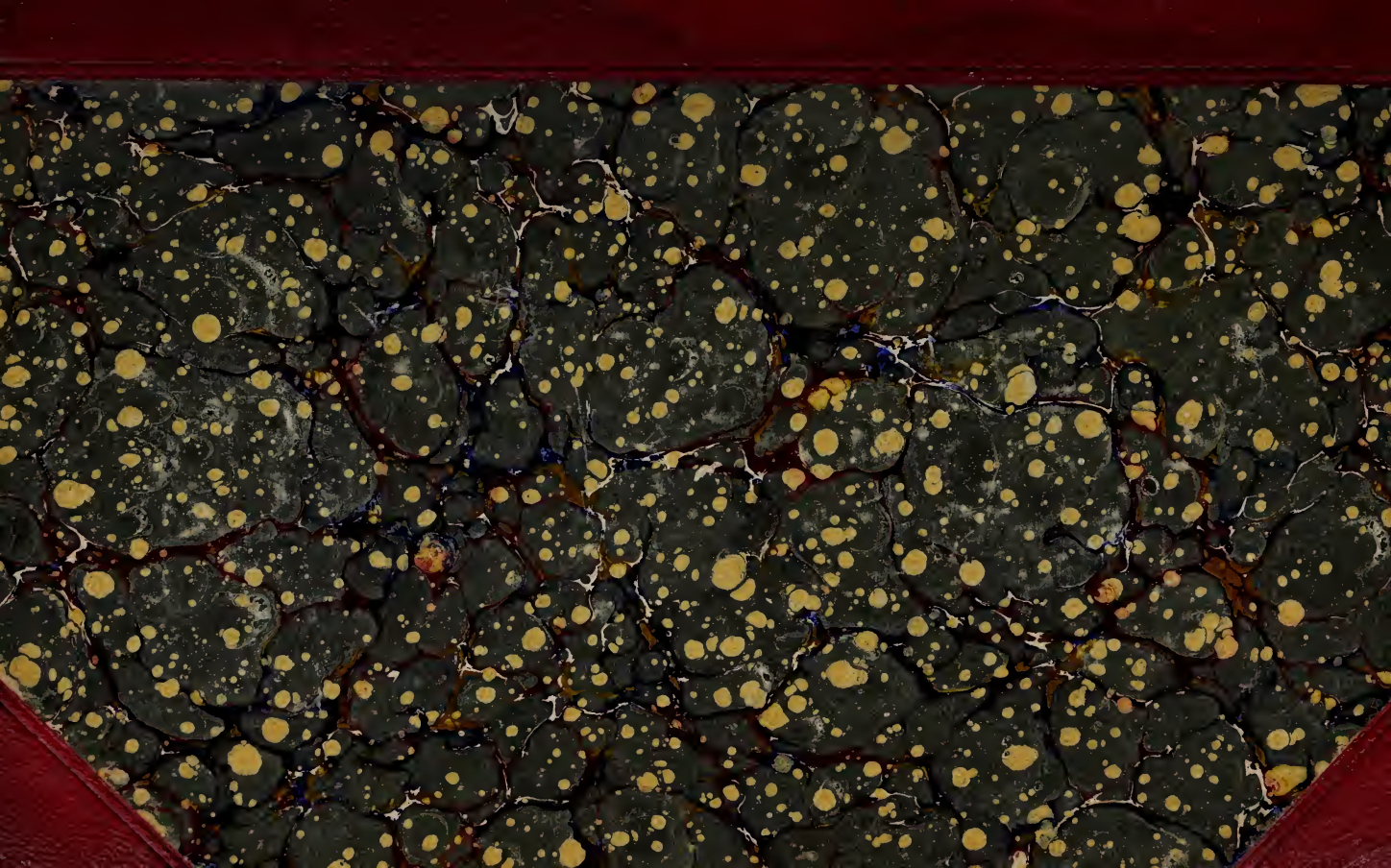
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